(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b) Agricultural development is a priority sector in the Five Year Plans of the country. The Government recognises the importance of giving appropriate incentives to farmers for increasing agricultural production and also their farm incomes. There are various plan schemes which provide economic incentives to the cultivators to invest more for increasing production e.g. input subsidies, concessional credit, crop insurance besides price/marketing support.

The Plan specially makes provision for motivating the farmers towards socio economically optimal and more remunerative crop patterns by ensuring the necessary input packages, technology and marketing/price back up.

National consensus on reservation issue

2457. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:
SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:
SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether at the time of anti-reservation agitaion in Gujarat, the Prime Minister had assured to evolve a National Consensus on this issue; and

(b) if so, what efforts were made in this regard by Government and what are the results achieved so far?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) In a Press Conference held at Ahmedabad on 23rd March, 1985, Prime Minister had stated in reply to a question, as below:

"We would have to examine this the question of reservations properly. We will have to talk to people to evolve a consensus and to work it out quickly. we will talk to the State authorities and see what they have to say".

(b) Home Minister had addressed the Chief Ministers in May 1985, in the light of pro-reservation and anti-reservation agitations in some parts of the country suggestions to them to maintain *status quo* on the issue of reservation for other backward classes till a national consensus is evolved. Prime Minister had held a meeting with opposition leaders on 7th August, 1985 in which it was agreed that a factual document will be prepared. All the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations were addressed for submitting detailed factual information on various aspects of reservation and the information received has been complied.

Crop Insurance Scheme

2458. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what amounts have been financed by Banks in different States in India, Statewise during the last three years under crop Insurance Scheme;

(b) whether this scheme has given any benefit to agriculturists; if so, what are the details thereof; state-wise; and

(c) what amount has been advanced under the crop Insurance Scheme in Orissa for the year 1985-86 and to how many cultivators?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) The Comprehensive Crop Insurance Scheme has been under implementation from Kharif 1985 season. The details regarding Bank loans in different States covered under Crop Insurance Scheme are given in Statement-I (*See below*).